### Thursday, 17th November 2016

#### KEY DATES:

**NOVEMBER**
- 18: Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 2.20pm - 3.20pm
- 25: Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 2.20pm - 3.20pm
- Last Day of Canteen for 2016
- Book Pack Collection Day 2.30 - 4.00pm - Long Room
- 28 - 30: Swimming

**DECEMBER**
- 1 - 9: Swimming
- 2: No Assembly
- 6: NO SWIMMING
- Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 9.30am - 11.00am
- 8: Christmas Carols Night
- 9: No Assembly
- 13: Walk to MCG - Year 6
- 14: Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea
- 15: Year 6 Graduation
- 19: Taskworks Excursion - Year 6
- 20: LAST DAY TERM 4 - 1PM DISMISSAL

### TERM 4 WEEK 7

#### 2016 TERM DATES:
- Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December
- 31st October - Curriculum Day

#### 2017 TERM DATES:
- Term 1: 30th January - 31st March
- 30th & 31st January - Curriculum Days
- Students start Wed 1st February
- Term 2: 18th April - 30th June
- Term 3: 17th July - 22nd September
- Term 4: 9th October - 22nd December

#### JANUARY 2017
- 31: 9.30 - 11.00am
- The School Office will be open for payment of 2017 Contributions & collection of Book Packs. The Uniform Shop will also be open.

#### FEBRUARY 2017
- 1: First Day Term 1 - Year 1 - 6 - 8.50am
- 8: Foundation commence - 9.00am-12.30pm
- 9: Foundation start full time

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Working Bee Tomorrow Night – Please Help Us**

This Friday is our one and only twilight working bee. We are hoping for as many people as possible to come and help us move soft fall underneath our playgrounds, and do some weeding, pruning and general maintenance around the school. Unfortunately, due to poor weather conditions and on advice of a weather warning from the Department of Education, we have had to cancel our last two working bees, so tomorrow’s event is really critical for us as we really need to get some things done around the school. If you can come, it would also be wonderful if you could bring garden implements such as shovels, rakes and maybe wheelbarrows. We are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible between 4 and 6pm on Friday. Thank you in advance!

**Our students showing care and compassion for others**

In the local paper this week, you may have seen a lovely thank you from Irene (a local resident at Inala), who wanted to thank three of our wonderful students and staff who helped her after having a fall in the area adjacent to our oval. It was tremendous to see the care that Irene was given by the students, who even took off their jackets and laid them over Irene to keep her warm. Great job Taylor, Serene and Lily; you were so mature and got the help Irene needed and cared for her beautifully!
Year Six Gift to the School

Every year, our Year Six students have a project that they give as a gift to the school to remember them by. You may remember, a couple of years ago, the Year Sixes and their parents organised the beautiful leadlight window with our school logo that proudly adorns our Administration entrance. This year, the Grade Sixes are working on two projects; one is the restoration of the 'students on the fence' mural, which is quite iconic amongst our community and unfortunately has suffered some vandalism in the last 18 months, and the other project is the delightful Jo Sheers Reading Garden to the north of the Administration building.

This is a work in progress, so watch this space as it comes to life over the next few weeks. It will indeed be a lovely space for our students and a beautiful reminder of both our respected former teacher Jo Sheers, who was a huge advocate for literacy for our students, and a lovely reminder of our very special Class of 2016.

OGPS mentioned in Parliament

It was great to see our local member, Neil Angus, mention Orchard Grove PS in Parliament again recently. Neil attended our Year Five and Six production of the "Pirates of the Curry Bean" and, on October 25th, he stated: "I recently had the pleasure of attending Orchard Grove Primary School's Year 5/6 production which was entitled "Pirates of the Curry Bean". It was a great production with plenty of enthusiastic acting, singing and dancing. I congratulate all the students and staff involved, both on and off the stage, on a terrific production."

Neil is a great supporter of OGPS and was instrumental in helping us get the roof on our main building replaced recently.

Transition Days

Our first 2017 Transition Day for the whole school will be Friday November 25th and this will be followed up by a second one on December 6th and a third on December 19th. OGPS is very committed to making sure our transition between classes each year is as smooth as possible and we believe that part of this is to make sure that each child has at least three opportunities before the end of the year to spend some time in their new classroom with their teacher (if possible) and their new classmates.

This enables the children to go off on the Christmas break as p less confident about their class placement for the following year. So next Friday will be our first session when the children will be told their class and go for a visit. Much effort has gone into the classes to make sure that all considerations are taken into account, and each child has an opportunity to be with at least one of their chosen friends. We do our very best to get the placement of your child right and we thank you for your support.

Car Park Grumble

Once again, I need to remind a small number of parents that the staff car park and road way behind the Wicking Centre off Holland Rd is not to be accessed by parents or care givers during school hours. We have deliberately sectioned this area off for student safety and traffic congestion reasons; however, we still have some people who think the rules don't apply to them and even at times take down the flags and let themselves into this area. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and not in line with how our OGPS community behaves on the whole. The only exception to this is the two disabled car spots in the staff car park that parents and care givers can use if they have a current sticker from the Council and IF THE PERSON FOR WHOM THE STICKER HAS BEEN GIVEN IS IN THE CAR. If we continue to have problems in this area we will have to look at more permanent options to shut this area off.

Niko’s Landscaping for OGPS

On a lovely note, we would like to thank Niko, one of our fantastic former parents, who continues to support and help us at the school, regularly going above and beyond for us. Niko has built the steps coming down from the tennis/netball court leading onto the outside basketball area and has also just completed a lovely rock wall and steps at the entrance of the sand pit. It looks wonderful and we would like to thank him for doing such a great job and also thank his trusty helper Charlie Campbell who was of great assistance during this project. Thanks Niko and Charlie!!

Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Homeless

It was most heartening last week when I was approached by James in 4JL, who had been moved during a recent visit in to Melbourne City and saw all the homeless people. James really wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of these people and he and his mum approached the Salvation Army to see if they would be able to help him distribute Christmas Shoe Boxes with gifts inside for the homeless. The Salvation Army have agreed and James and Lauren from the Salvation Army will be presenting their idea at assembly tomorrow. We are hoping that our community will get behind this terrific initiative and help James fulfil his challenge. We look forward to his presentation tomorrow.

Swimming and Water Safety Week

With the Victorian Water Safety Week coming up on 28th November - 4th December, OGPS is right on target with the commencement of our swimming program. Most of our students are involved in the program and it is a fantastic way to prepare our kids for the hot summer weather ahead when potentially they will be in and out of the water. We all want to make sure that our children are as safe as possible in and around water.

Ruby and Dog Dazzlers

Finally I would like thank Sam from Dog Dazzlers (within the New PetStock shop near Spotlight) who sponsors our School Therapy Assistant Dog, Ruby. Sam grooms her every couple of weeks, keeping her in tip top condition. Ruby has so many little hands patting and cuddling her each day, that to have her washed and groomed regularly and so beautifully by Sam is just fantastic. Ruby just adores going there. In fact, when I wash Ruby, she seriously tries to escape from me. When I take her to Sam, she can’t get to her fast enough. I couldn’t recommend Dog Dazzlers higher – as they look after the dogs beautifully.

Well that’s all from me for this fortnight. Have a wonderful weekend with your family and enjoy the sunshine and please remember our Working Bee tomorrow night; we would really appreciate your support.

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Remembrance Day Service

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PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- Canberra camp (March 2017)
  - first instalment - $100.00 due 26th October
  - second instalment - $100.00 due 9th December
  - balance due March next year
- Walk to MCG - Year 6 - $16.00 due 2nd December
- Year 6 Graduation - Year 6 - $20.00 due 4th December
- 2017 Contributions -
  Payment in full due by 19th December 2016 or on 31st January 2017 or
  1st instalment $150.00 due 30th November 2016
  2nd instalment $150.00 due 16th December 2016
  Balance due 10th February 2017
- 2017 Excursion Levy -
  Payment in full - $100.00 - by 19th December 2016 or
  1st instalment - $50.00 - due by 30th November 2016
  2nd instalment - $50.00 - due by 16th December 2016

2015 BOOK PACKS
Unlike previous years Book Packs will not be distributed to classes. We will have collection days which will be the only opportunity you will have to receive your book packs before the end of the year. The first date has been set and it will be on Friday 25th November 2.30 - 4.00 in the Long Room.
Please be aware that fees must have been paid, before you can collect your book packs.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform shop will be open on:
Friday 25th November 1.30 - 3.00pm and
Tuesday 6th December 9.30 - 11.00am (final for 2017)
The uniform shop does not operate in December, and will be open on Tuesday 31st January between 9.30am - 11.00am. It will re-open Thursday 2nd February 2017.

PARENTS’ CLUB

LAUNDRY MARKERS FOR CLOTHING
We have black or white laundry markers for sale at the office for $6.00.

Stuck On You Fundraiser
Order forms are available at the office or if you want to order online at www.stuckonyou.com.au our Unique Code is: OR-CHARGROVEPRIMARYSCHOOL

MANGO FUNDRAISER
Delivery is expected mid November.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
December 8th
Volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ, if you can help please add your name to the roster.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers still needed for help with:
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/firstaid_004
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/libraryroster_004
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/uniformshop_004

Grove Rosters:
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3tk
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3km
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3gt_004
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3tk
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Bronwyn McIlroy
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CHRISTMAS IN THE GROVE
Thursday 8th December
5pm onwards
Join us for a family picnic tea on the lawns, followed by an entertaining evening of Christmas Carols.
The music room is full of merriment as the children rehearse their Christmas songs. We hope to see you there!

We desperately need volunteers to help with set up and the BBQ. If you are able to help, even for a short time, please add your name to the roster.

CHOOSE BOOK PACKS WITH YOUR SCHOOL
The mascot for the Herald Sun’s new “Kids News” program that the year 5 students have been trialling

A busy day finally gets the better of Lauren!
PRINCIPAL AWARDS - 4th November

Radul – FBB
Liam – FTR
Riley – 1BS
Emerson – 1-2W
Alyssa – 2SP

James, Kelly, Riley – 3TK
Bevan – 5SG
Amelie – 6EW
Whole class – 6SR

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - 11th November

Jessie – FCT
Raphael – FJM
Jasper – 1-2W
Josh, Christian – 1BS
Anabel – 1BW
Inese – 1JF
Kingston – 2KM
Sarah – 2LS
Ava – 2SP

Cameron, Shaelea – 3KM
Emma, Marcus, Hanna – 3TK
Tim – 4KT
Minali, Irin – 4MA
Addison, Jason – 5KT
Taylor, Amy – 6EW
Summer, Archer – 6HW
Serene, Zoe – 6SR
**Canteen News**

Amazingly, another year has just flown by and is slowly coming to an end. It’s been another busy year filled with enormous achievements for many and progress for all. Please be aware that the last day for canteen this year will be Friday 25th November. The roster for 2017 will be available by the end of term, and a hard copy can be picked up at the office. The Volunteers’ Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 30th November, at the Groove Train at 7pm. If you would like to be part of a very fun night, please RSVP by Friday 25th November, directly to me or Sally Payne. This year provided the opportunity for many new volunteers to come along and lend a hand at the canteen. I truly appreciate the new and constant parent support and necessary help. Our canteen could not function without you all and hopefully 2017 will see many new helpers.

My heartfelt thanks to you all and especially the ones who jump in and just run the show when I am unexpectedly unable to be there. I truly appreciate your support and devotion.

I hope you all enjoy the school functions and your social activities of this festive season and share the mood with friends and family. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and positive 2017.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Thanks again for your invaluable assistance.

Sophie Polites

** Stock of Chicken Burgers may run low next week and will be replaced with beef. If you do not want your child to receive a beef burger, please state an alternative on your child’s order **

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**Sick Bay News**

**Allergy Season**

We have had quite a few students coming to the sick bay with hayfever related symptoms that require medication (claratyne/zyrtec etc.). If your child is prone to hayfever, please administer an antihistamine at home, before school, to act as a preventative.

**Gastro**

Please be aware that children MUST have a minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms before they can return to school.

**Conjunctivitis**

This is highly contagious, so please make sure your child is fully clear of all symptoms before they return to school.

**Updated Anaphylaxis Forms**

Replacement forms will be coming home in the next few weeks, for completion by you and your doctor. Please ensure the updated forms are returned to the school ASAP. These forms must be updated yearly to ensure your child’s details are kept up to date.

**Headlice**

If your child has had head lice, please be vigilant with checking hair and regular cleaning of bedding etc, to keep the lice at bay.

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**Code for Life**

Boost your Child’s Education through Code

To support the growing emphasis on coding in early education, an after school coding programme will be held at Orchard Grove Primary School (OGPS).

Run by third party provider Code for Life, this programme will:

- Introduce children to commonly used coding tools, language and principles
- Reinforce reading, logic, written problem solving and math skills
- Build creativity and collaboration
- Challenge children to think about what computers can be used to do

This school will run out of the OGPS Computer Lab and will use school equipment. Students can opt to BYO iPad/Tablet (Little Bits) or PC (Super Bytes) to provide a consistent experience during lessons and at home.

**Special 2016 Short Course:**

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<td>• foundation – Q2 • teach logic and problem solving skills, while introducing basic coding concepts, fun activities and practical coding sessions, kids will learn to build basic programs and share, read, compute or coding skills necessary.</td>
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<td>Super Bytes: Introduction to Visual Based Coding using Scratch</td>
<td>• Grade 3 and 4 • builds problem solving logic skills while introducing foundational coding concepts, fun activities and practical coding sessions, kids will learn to build basic programs, pictures and stories, no computing or coding skills necessary.</td>
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Term dates

Tuesday 8th November – 13th December

To Enrol

Please email Kristen on kristen@code4life.com.au, or call me (040) 040 430 for more details or to receive an enrolment form.
**PLAYBALL BASKETBALL**

**TRAINING @ AQUALINK & CAMBERWELL HIGH**

**FRIDAY YEARS 1-4 TERM 1 2017**

**BASKETBALL TRAINING**  Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 at Aqualink, Box Hill & Camberwell High. 40 minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Terms 2, 3, 4.

**REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2017**  Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. Individual children can register online.

**TERM 1 TIMES & DATES**  
YEARS 1-4 FRIDAY 4:00-7:00PM  
3 Feb - 31 March (9 weeks) Rings lowered to 8.5ft for training teams & Year 1 competition.

**TERM COST**  
Approx $96 per child Based on team of 8. (Team Invoice $770, 9-weeks)

**COACHES WORKSHOP**  
By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2.

**CONTACT**  
PH: 9585 6123  info@playballbasketball.com

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**PLAYBALL BASKETBALL 9585-6123**

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**Karate Classes**

**Free Karate Uniform!!!**

Bookings available for term 1, 2017

**THURSDAYS:**

**ST. TIMOTHY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
23 STEVENS ROAD, FOREST HILL  
JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS, 6:30PM TO 7:45PM  
TEENAGERS & ADULTS: 7:45PM TO 9:15PM

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**WWW.LIONBUSHIDO.COM**

**TUESDAYS:**

Templeton Prim. School  
Crestdale Rd, Wantirna

**THURSDAYS Also at:**

Essex Heights Prim. School  
Essex Road, Mount Waverley

**WEDNESDAYS:**

Beverley Hills Prim. School  
Cnr Rosella & Cassowary St, East Doncaster

**FRIDAYS:**

St Leonards Prim. School  
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A SONG for Christmas
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Opening Night Charity Event

Opening Night Charity Event
Saturday 3rd of December at 8pm
All Tickets for Adults $20
(Children admitted free)
All Proceeds to South Vermont Lions Club
at:
Revival Centres Church Hall
275 Middleborough Rd.
Box Hill South VIC
(next to Officeworks)

Bookings through Karen Fuhrmann
on 0412 247 456 or email: karen@fuhrmann.id.au